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Kirkliston Parish Church

We invite Visitors, Neighbours and Friends to share in Sunday Worship

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Newsletter

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Every year at this time my car starts to make a kind of pinging sound each time I start the ignition. It coincides with a flashing spanner appearing on the dashboard. It's the cars way of telling me it needs a service. Well what a nuisance in the chaos of this time of year when things are kind of busy. I'm sure you know the scenario in the run up to Christmas - presents to buy, cards to post, house to tidy and decorate, the rest of the household messing up the house once it's tidy, then I have the dog following me around always hopeful for another walk and now the car!



The car is programmed to ask for a service once a year or after so many miles whichever comes first. Maybe Christmas gives us that opportunity. Maybe the approach of Christmas day is like a warning sign for us to take stock, to service our lives and see if we have enough room for Jesus; the light

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of the world, who shows us the way to God and the way to fullness of life lived in His presence

The Gospel of John tells us that at the first Christmas time

**'The true light
that gives light to every man
was coming into the world.'**

[John 1: 9]

Over the coming weeks we will journey through Advent towards Christmas when we will celebrate the birth of Jesus. As we re-visit familiar stories, hear some new ones and sing seasonal hymns and carols, let the tiny baby born in the squalor of the stable into the mess and chaos of life stir your hearts, kindle a spark and fan into flame a passion to know more of what God has done and can do through Jesus the light of the world.

I look forward to spending this time with you and to welcoming as many of you as are able to our services and seasonal events over the period.

Every Blessing and Seasonal Greetings

*Rev Christine Clark
Locum Minister*

The Nominating Committee, having received applications for the vacant Charge at Kirkliston, are now proceeding to the interviewing stage. Further information will be made available to the Congregation in due course.

David W Buchanan , Convenor

ABSTRACT of ACCOUNTS (Continued...)

Fabric Fund

Income		Expenditure	
Balance B/F	£ 591.61	Pt Repayment Loan	£ 3,866.31
Retiral Collections	£ 647.73		
Donations	£ 79.28		
Interest	£ 5.21		
Tr fr Gen bank	£ 2,700.00		

Balance £ 157.52

Money Donated For Other Purposes

Heart Stroke Foundation	£ 384.00	Mission for Seamen	£103.00
Healing Rooms	£ 65.00	Bluebell Trust	£500.00
Christian Aid	£3,234.00	British Liver Trust	£104.00
Bible Soc	£69.00	RSPB	£1,290.00
SANA	£ 1,300.00		

Church Benevolent Fund*

Income		Expenditure	
Income	£ 987.81	Outgoings	£ 400.00
Interest	£ 16.18		
Balance B/F	£ 759.99		
	£ 1,763.98		

Balance £ 1,363.98

Balance In Other Accounts

Ogilvie Bequest*		Reserve Fund	
C of S Trust	£ 1.20	Cof S Trust + res bank	£ 36,318.03
Weddell Memorial Fund*		Fixed Assets	£ 169,505.72
C of S Trust	£ 2,163.56		

Loan

Church of Scotland	£ 5,894.98	* Protected Funds	£ 163,527.54
repayment	£ 3,866.31	(By Original Donor)	
outstanding	£ 2,028.67		

Available Funds £ 36,610.90

Total Equity £ 200,138.44

Rob Brechin
Treasurer 31.10.08

ABSTRACT of ACCOUNTS Kirkliston Parish Church

1st Jan 2008 -31 Oct 2008 Charity No. SC013924

Congregational Account

INCOME

Balance B/F 2007	£	5,892.52
Offerings plate	£	4,797.30
WFO Non gift aid	£	8,507.15
WFO Gift Aid	£	12,681.51
Offerings by bank S.O. NGA	£	1,571.75
Offerings by bank S.O. GA	£	7,553.30
Weddings/Funerals	£	1,130.00
Course Fees	£	290.00
Donations	£	1,947.35
Charites Aid	£	750.00
Investment Income	£	8,347.77
Interest on deposits	£	1,565.15
Guild Donation	£	700.00
Life & Work sales	£	488.90
Equipment collection	£	92.05
Fund Raising events	£	861.50
Tr from reserves	£	27,425.95
	£	84,602.20

EXPENDITURE

Nat Stipend Fund	£	43,270.00
Less Endowment Income	-£	8,546.00
Organist + organ maint	£	2,330.90
Travel Expenses	£	3,299.42
Heat & light	£	2,271.79
Telephone & M Expenses	£	268.87
Pubs & Stationery	£	2,576.46
Cleaning	£	1,420.07
Life & Work	£	403.10
Rates	£	630.76
Insurance	£	2,997.29
Church Officer	£	140.00
Miscell Church/cour fees	£	1,900.19
Fabric Maintenance Ch	£	17,485.73
Fabric Maint Manse	£	8,158.91
Int on Loan	£	247.01
Pulpit supply + Locum	£	2,829.10
Tr to Fabric	£	2,700.00
Tr to Centre	£	83.25
Balance in Gen a/c	£	135.35
	£	84,602.20

Thomas Chalmers Centre

Dorcas	£	2,452.12
Traidcraft		
Centre Teas	£	737.62
JHM & Thurs Dance	£	2,380.00
Kirkliston Scottish Dance	£	470.20
Hall Use Playgroup	£	1,560.00
General Hall Use	£	390.00
Hall Donations Non Gift Aid	£	535.00
Hall Donations Gift Aid	£	324.00
Country Dance Donation	£	300.00
Donations	£	290.00
Tr from General	£	83.25
	£	9,522.19

Heat & Light	£	2,784.56
Insurance	£	1,411.76
Tel 4088	£	159.21
Caretaker	£	3,193.48
Provisions	£	380.99
Fabric CC	£	1,353.95
Misc centre	£	238.24
	£	9,522.19

Insured Values at May 08

Church	£	3,298,119.62
Thomas Chalmers Centre	£	2,894,063.66

Manse	£	284,744.51
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Flower Calendar

December 2008 to March 2009



JANUARY	4	VACANT
	11	MRS MAC CONNACHIE, MAITLAND ROAD
	18	MRS DOIG, STONEY FLATS, SOUTH QUEENS FERRY
	25	MISS BOWMAKER, QUEENSFERRY ROAD
FEBRUARY	1	MRS BRECHIN, THE SQUARE
	8	MRS BROOKS, STEWART PLACE
	15	Women's Rural Institute
	22	MRS FAIRBAIRN, NEW LISTON
MARCH	1	VACANT
	8	VACANT
	15	MRS KING, THE GLEBE
	22	MRS FAIRBAIRN, NEW LISTON
	29	VACANT
FLOWER DELIVERY		
DECEMBER	MRS TAIT	
JANUARY	MRS E. BROWN, MRS L. BIRD, MRS G. KING, MRS H. SHADE	
FEBRUARY	MRS M. BUCHANAN, MRS K. MCKAY, MRS H. SHADE	
MARCH	MRS J. MAC CONNACHIE, MRS M. GLEN, MRS M. GRAHAM	

As you will see there are a few vacancies in the calendar over the next few months if you would like to provide the flowers on any of these Sundays please let me know. If you would like to help whether it is with deliveries, a donation or arranging the flowers please give me a phone. The more people who are involved the easier it is for everyone.

Thank you to all the helpers, flower arrangers, those who have given to the flower fund and everyone who has offered words of encouragement. I can assure you that it is much appreciated.

During December as you know the Church is decorated for Christmas, however if you would like to donate to a vase of fresh flowers or a pot plant during this time please let me know as I always have flowers each week to hand out to those who need to know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

JOYCE BROOKS

Flower Convenor Tel: 0131 333 3710

1st Kirkliston Boys Brigade



When the session started this year, I was still on holiday in sunny Florida, but I was glad to hear the sun was shining here that night too, and the non- holidaying staff were able to get the boys out and up to the park for fun and games.

We got into uniform after the holiday weekend, and the new meeting times are proving successful for now. We now have three Anchor boys, but would like more. Junior section numbers remain much the same, as we have gained two new boys, and lost two boys, who didn't return after the summer break.

We held our annual dedication service on 12th October and we were very disappointed with the poor turnout of boys. During the service the Danish colours gifted to the company by the visiting members of the FDF in the summer, were dedicated and now join the company colours in the church.

Taking their vows as staff for the first time were Andrew Kimmitt and Clifford Plester, both very valuable additions to our staff. Andrew is a first year student at Edinburgh University and wanted to continue his training with a local company. We are very pleased he chose us. Clifford came along to watch our display in June and enjoyed it so much he volunteered his services, we are very glad he came along that night!

We started back after our autumn break, with a Halloween fun night for Junior & Anchor sections, we had the usual mix of food and games and it was a great success.

On Sunday 2nd November a few of our Company section boys, are taking part in a sponsored abseil at Ratho Climbing Centre to raise funds for QCCC, we wish them well.

On Sunday 9th November the company will be taking part in the Remembrance service and parade and we are hoping for a dry day. With no more holidays until Christmas, we can now get on with badge

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Dear Friends

There was a guy who lived a long, long time ago called Jacob.

We're told that once, at a critical time in his life, he *"awoke from his sleep and thought, 'Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.'"*

Now, I don't live in Kirkliston. I'm only dotting in and out from time to time. But it seems plain as daylight to me that God is in the place. Whether or not other people are always aware of that, the signs are certainly there

And without a doubt Lord is very present and significantly at work. I get a little thrill of excitement every time I drive into the place!

What are the signs of the presence of God in your midst?

Well, the ministry of your locum, Christine Clark, for one thing. The fact she was available. The person that she is. The ease with which she's settled to her ministry. The pleasure that she finds in being among you as a pastor at this time. That's a 'sign' for sure.

The quality of leadership your elders have all shown – that's another sign. God's gift to you of able, eager, warm and loving folk to pastor you and help you all move forward with a sense of real direction at this time.

The warmth with which you welcome those like me who come in as outsiders and are made to feel quite welcome and a part of what's going on – that, too, is a sign of the presence and love of the Lord.

And the way that your Nominating Committee have gone about the work that you've entrusted to their care. With prayer and good humour, with energy, patience and always a confident trust in the leading the Spirit of God will afford. The signs, as I say, are certainly there!

Sometimes, for sure, like Jacob of old, it's only a time of great crisis which awakes us at last to the fact that Jesus indeed is for real.

But in and through these 'critical' days for yourselves as the body of Christ, I hope you will be confident of this – that God is in your midst.

Immanuel. The gift is for life, not just for Christmas.

God with us. Whoever you are, and wherever you're presently at, hold onto that truth and rest in the grace that it brings.

With warm greetings in Christ our Lord

Jeremy Middleton

Interim Moderator

KIRKLISTON PARISH CHURCH
Keeper of the Rolls Report
15th October 2008

The Main Roll stands at 323, (235 Homes + 5 Nursing Homes)
 52 on Supplementary Roll

17 changes have taken place in 2008
 (+2 by certificate, -4 by certificate)
 (-6 by Death & 5 Gone Away)

Communion Attendance 2008
 February 153 May 177 August 137

Joe W. Henderson
 Keeper of the Rolls

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Everyday we thank the lord for our own children and all the joy they bring. It is very humbling when we are put in places where we can enjoy and reach out to other children. God gives us these opportunities so that we can show our love through our actions. Our team make every effort to make sure this is done.

The kids are busy creating a masterpiece which will eventually be the picture for the church Christmas card. We discuss all aspects of Jesus' birth and so learn as we go along.

We are very much in need of more volunteers, particularly men as this would make our rota more flexible. At the moment each volunteer goes out approximately once every five weeks.

Our c.a.b. can be found every Friday night at:

7.00 – 7.40 PM Gateside
 7.40 – 8.20 PM The Glebe
 8.20 – 9.00 PM Leisure Centre car park

We are all trained volunteers so, Mums and Dads, encourage the children aged 10 – 16 year to drop in and say hello.

Christina Pearson (0131 3330333)

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work uninterrupted.

Our session ends on 15th December for a two week break. The company thanks you for your support throughout the year, and although it seems a little early to be thinking about it, we wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a bright and Happy New Year!

Valerie Edwards(OIC Anchor/Junior section)

Visit our website: <http://1kirkliston.boys-brigade.org.uk>

SHOE BOX APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who supported the Shoe Box Appeal. 104 shoe boxes, as well as £157 in cash donations, were delivered to Perth, the depot for Blythewood Care. A special thank you to all the ladies who helped to sort and fill shoeboxes with the donated items. This is a brilliant donation from Kirkliston and will brighten lots of folk's Christmas.

Margaret Brechin (Coordinator)



WISH YOUR FRIENDS IN THE CHURCH A MERRY CHRISTMAS...

....and help the underprivileged and the environment at the same time, by signing the large card in the Church Centre. This card will be on display at the end of November together with envelopes marked "Christmas Appeal" in which you can place your donation. Envelopes should be placed in the offering bag at the morning service or given to the Treasurer.





Hang About! Who's This ?

I would just like to thank all of you who supported me in my recent abseil from the Forth Railway Bridge. It was something I had wanted to do ever since I had seen the first event in April 2003, while doing the Christian Aid Bridge walk. I was finally given the opportunity this year to fulfil my ambition and to raise funds for QCCC. Most people thought I had lost my mind, but by doing such a high profile event, I have managed to raise £660 so far, (Donations are still acceptable)

I thoroughly enjoyed the abseil, it was a glorious sunny afternoon and the views from the bridge were breathtaking. My only apprehension was when I had to climb onto a chair and swing over the edge onto a rail about the width of a curtain pole! After that it was over too quickly. I was on a high for the rest of the day, actually make that the rest of the week.

My unusual leg wear is thanks to my Mum, who wanted to be sure to recognise me coming down and bought the brightest legwarmers she could find, They worked!

I could not have done it without your support, and yes I would do it again, but it is only fair someone else gets the opportunity to take part. I thoroughly recommend it!

Valerie Edwards

CHURCH REGISTER

FUNERALS: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life"

3/10/08: Winnie Johnston, East Fortune House, Haddington

20/10/08: Chris McConnachie, 10 Dundas Place

4/11/08: Moira Cockerell, Almondhill Road, Kirkliston



The Fabric Convenor's Report

As the Manse has been empty since May when Glenda left Kirkliston, almost all the Fabric committee's efforts and not least treasurer's money has been concentrated on sprucing up the Manse. One of the major problems is trying to get the different tradesmen to come when you need them, apart from David and Douglas Gowans and Rab Meikle, who were extremely helpful.

My sincere thanks go to the members of my committee who have helped with cleaning and painting. Also a big thank you to Ricky and Eileen Brown, my interior decoration consultants for their advice as well as wallpapering two rooms, the porch and installing sliding doors on a wardrobe in a bedroom.

My one remaining wish is that the new Minister stays for a very long time or until I finish my term as fabric convenor!

Charles Wright, Fabric Convener

Transport to Church

Drivers Rota

December 2008 — March 2009

DECEMBER	7	Keith Moss
	14	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie
	21	Bill Paterson
	28	Ann/David Denholm
JANUARY	4	Wilson Marshall
	11	Bill McKay
	18	Peter Melville
	25	Keith Moss
FEBRUARY	1	Anne Reilly
	8	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie
	15	Bill Paterson
	22	Ann/David Denholm
MARCH	1	Wilson Marshall
	8	Bill McKay
	15	Peter Melville
	22	Keith Moss
	29	Maggie/Gordon McConnachie

If you would like to help with transport, need help getting to church or require any more information please contact:-

ANN DENHOLM
Transport Convenor Tel: 0131 333 1834



Child Protection



Not much news this time except that the certificates of attendance at the training in Sept/Oct have arrived, and we are hoping for further training sessions in the new year. We continue to be a busy church for volunteering, which is great, and shows a great commitment to the young people of the area. I hope to have more of the handbooks for new staff soon and I will try to distribute these. If you are working with children and you don't have one, please ask me for one. All the very best for Christmas, and well done to all our children's groups and volunteers.

Paula Roots 334 1819



Christian Aid Bridge Walk - John Carrie Memorial Walk

The bridge walk took place on 20th Sept., being rescheduled from its usual spot in May. Valerie, Christine, Paula, Merridy, Liz and Joan would like to thank all who sponsored them, raising the total of approx. £430. Well done everyone!

Joan McConnachie

The Autumn Fayre which was held on Saturday 1st November proved to be a tremendous success in both social and financial terms. People had given generously in terms of items for the stalls, time, talent and money. The Church and Church Centre were buzzing with activities, chat and laughter. It truly was an uplifting experience to see so many people happily involved and supporting the Church. The sum of £2300 was raised for Church funds and the Kirk Session and Congregational Board are very grateful to all concerned in helping to achieve this. It is a magnificent sum, especially given the financial climate in which we are living at present.

Thank you one and all for making it such a great day.

Jan Wemyss



The Guild of St. Luke We continue to meet in the office of the Church Centre on the second Monday of the month, from 7p.m. to 8pm. for prayer and to update our prayer list. If someone you know is in need of prayer for healing, please use the cards on the pews and place in the boxes provided at each entrance of the Church. Our list is confidential and only the first name of the person need be given.

Linda Moss



The Guild

The Guild commenced its new session at the end of September with a talk on the theme of “He Restores My Soul” given by our Locum Minister, Christine Clark. This was followed by Communion. Other meetings we have held included a talk from Macmillan Cancer Support and one from Christian Aid on the Adivasi Tribe of Bangladesh and the struggles the people have to make ends meet.

The Guild supports various projects over a period of three years, and this is one of them. After that we have a talk on “Working in a Port Elizabeth Township” and then our Topic Evening – “Think About the Man Jesus” - at the end of November. In December, we have one meeting, which is our Christmas Meal and Party Evening. As you can see, a fairly full syllabus taking us up to the Festive Season. It hardly seems possible that we are thinking about Christmas already. Where does the time go?

At the time of writing this we have just been to the theatre to see the production of “Mary Poppins”. What a superb show it was. The costumes were beautiful and the dancing superb – full of life and energy. As for Mary flying above

the audience – quite spectacular. It truly was “supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!”

Towards the end of November we will be holding our regular Outreach Afternoon for older people in the community. We put on an afternoon tea for them and provide entertainment. This has proved very popular since we started it a few years ago. We hold it during Guild Week which, this year, is from Sunday November 16th to Sunday November 23rd. On Sunday 16th November, Christine has kindly agreed to hold a Guild Dedication Service and some of the Guild members will be taking part in it. We do hope that as many Guild members as possible will be able to come to Church that Sunday.

Please remember, all are welcome at Guild meetings. We have now put a motto on our Syllabus Card – “Friendship, Fellowship and Fun” – and that indeed is what we are about. Why not come along and see for yourselves – gents, that includes you!

With all best wishes for a peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year.

Jan and Gill



Scottish Country Dancing Club

The usual Hogmanay Ceilidh will be held in the Thomas Chalmers Centre on Wednesday, 31st December at 8 pm. There will be a mixture of dances, a quiz, party games and supper.

The price of a ticket is £7 and can be obtained from John Ferguson (333 4860).

Joan Wright

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our numbers have dropped slightly this year, due to older children leaving, but we are averaging 15 - 20 children each week.

We have been using "Searchlights" teaching material this session, which follows the Church calendar. As Christmas is only a few weeks away, we are starting to prepare for our Nativity at the Family Service on 21st December, which the children always enjoy. In the afternoon, we will have our Christmas party, which the children enjoy even more!

This session, we have been happy to welcome Peter Woollven to our staff, and we are grateful to him for volunteering to help us.

On behalf of everyone in the Sunday School, I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and every blessing in the new year.

Linda Moss,



TraidCraft

Our busy time is in full swing, with Christmas orders and Christmas cards. If you would like to see a more full selection of beautifully hand-crafted gifts from around the world, then why not visit the traidcraft website, or the shop that supplies our stall - the Just World Shop in Portobello High Street? If you are in town, the undercroft at St John's on the corner of Lothian Road also has a Fair Trade shop with a wide selection including clothes. Oxfam and Christian Aid also have 'virtual gifts' - that is, your money goes into projects which you can choose and you receive a gift card to show what is being supported. Last year we received several great choices including clean water, child protection training, goats and hens all around the world, given by my family.

We will have the Christmas cards until the December stall on Sunday 14th and our usual range of products, including dried fruit for the cake! Why not also try our new range of luxury hot chocolate - just the thing for these cold dark evenings.

A new rota will be going up in the church centre for helpers for 2009, all offers of help on the stall or driving most appreciated. And a big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have helped out in 2008. Your work allows us to contribute around £2,500 to farmers in the developing countries each year. Well done!

Paula Roots 334 1819

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To the Congregation

At its last meeting in November, the Congregational Board endorsed a statement from the Finance Committee regarding the state of the Church Finances. This statement is now made available to the Congregation.

The statement concluded that our current financial position is not as strong as it was in the earlier part of the year. Income has dropped, and this presents us with the problem of containing rising levels of expenditure – a cause for great concern.

The Kirk Session and the Congregational Board are only too aware of the financial pressures members of the congregation are experiencing at the present but would ask that you still continue to give on a regular basis, and, if possible, give a small increase in your offering to the Church. This would be very much appreciated by those responsible for the Church finances.

If you are a taxpayer, and are not already committed to the Gift Aid scheme, you may like to consider signing up. The Church is then able to claim the tax on your offering at no extra cost to you. This does make a considerable difference to the income of the Church and appropriate forms are available from the treasurer.

The signatories below, would like to take this opportunity to assure the Congregation that all measures are being put in place to control our expenditure and, where necessary, positive action taken for the good of the Church.

We thank each and every one of you for your continuing support of our Church.

Yours sincerely

David W. Buchanan - Session Clerk
Janet M. Wemyss – Clerk to the Congregational Board
Robert Brechin – Church Treasurer